GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FOOTPATH WORKERS IN CHANDIGARH
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chandigarh U.T. Administration had some time back conducted the survey of Footpath Workers engaged in petty avocations like shoe repairers, cycle repairers, barbers, dhobis, dyers, etc;

(b) the number of people engaged in such trades in Chandigarh;

(c) whether there was a proposal to relocate them in dismentable booths; and

(d) if so, reasons for not implementing the decision so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a): Yes, Sir. Such a survey was conducted in the year 1998.

(b): 2274

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The scheme for providing booth to the footpath workers was rejected in the year 2003 in view of the orders of the Hon`ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana in CWP No. 6206 of 2002. The High Court had observed that Chandigarh Administration will not succumb to the pressure from any quarter and frame rules/schemes for allotment of alternative site to those who made unauthorized encroachment on public land or who occupy the land lawfully acquired for specified public purposes.